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FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1897.

Mills Opening.

The number of southern senators who are voting for the tariff bill amendments in the senate proposed by the Republicans is a practical, definite assurance that the bill will pass the senate without much trouble. The result is that manufacturers are beginning to prepare for starting their plants and running them again on full time. News came from the east yesterday that a large number of carpet factories would ring their bells again and thus call their idle workmen to employment. The opening of 53 carpet mills means a great deal to American labor. That number of mills cannot do business without causing other mills producing other goods to open and these in turn will stimulate others and so it will go on until the whole lump is leavened and the demand for American labor which was destroyed by the Democratic free trade policy of Grover Cleveland and a congress in sympathy with him, will be restored.

If the assurance that a protective tariff bill will be passed stimulates the opening of mills it follows that protection is the true American policy if we propose to apply the same rules to the nation that we apply to business or family affairs, namely, to live within ourselves as near as possible. Those who have invested their capital in mills and machinery demonstrate by opening, upon the prospect of a protective tariff bill passing, that they have no doubts in their minds as to the beneficial effects of protection. It is useless to talk to these men of free trade "producing a healthy growth of our manufacturing industries," as free traders have claimed it would. The Democrats did not approach free trade but lowered the tariff below the point of protection and instead of any kind of growth in our manufacturing interests there was a general closing down of mills and relegating millions of American workmen to idleness and want. The manufacturer understands the effect of protection as a matter of business and free trade theories have no effect on him. He knows that protection means prosperity because it puts about American manufacturers a safeguard against the products of cheap labor from abroad.

The free silverite professes to believe that prosperity cannot come to our people unless we adopt the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, but the practical manufacturer don't believe a syllable of such rot. He understands that it is not more money that the country needs, but a condition which will warrant them in resuming the business of manufacturing and that condition will be brought about by the enactment of a protective tariff. The manufacturer can borrow all the money he wants to do business on at a profit at a lower rate of interest than he could eight or ten years ago and that he could borrow it no other under the free coinage of silver. He does not want the money of the country put in condition which would unsettle values and render it dangerous for him to do business. The people who make business go in this country are the men who have ability to use capital where it will employ labor and the judgment of one such man on the question of what will bring prosperity is worth a whole army of free silver howlers who never had ability to employ labor.

Hon. J. H. Walker, representative in congress from Massachusetts, in a recent speech on the floor of the house, said: "The farmer is equally interested with the mechanic in the protection of our home market. The value of the home market to the farmer is nowhere shown any more conclusively and the Democratic free trade assertions more conclusively proven untrue than by the United States treasury statistical abstract. The consumption of our farm products by our people reached its maximum in 1893. Passing over 1893, the year of the panic, and taking 1894, it shows that more than 61 per cent more pounds of our raw cotton were consumed by our own people in 1893 under the Republican tariff than in the year 1894 under the threat of a Democratic free trade tariff; that more than 78 per cent more wheat was consumed by our people in 1893 than in 1894; that more than 53 per cent more corn was consumed by our own people in 1893 than in 1894; that more than 23 per cent more pounds of wool were consumed in 1893 than in 1894." Yet in face of such facts as these thousands of farmers permitted themselves to be pulled into the notion that the low price of farm products was due to want of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, instead of the destruction of the demand for farm products by buying goods from abroad instead of manufacturing them for ourselves, by the Cleveland administration. Idle workmen cannot buy farm products.

Some prominent cottoning howlers are afraid the passage of the new tariff bill

will induce our people to build more factories and overtook the country. It never occurs to such a croaker that with our mills idle as the result of the Wilson bill that the country is overstocked with mills and that before the people who passed that measure there were not too many mills. They also are blind to the fact that when this country is building mills the farmers get good prices for their products and when the mills are idle farm products are low.

Senator Gorman told the president a few days ago that the new tariff bill would pass the senate by June 20. This is perhaps a little earlier than that desirable event will take place, but there is plenty of assurance that it will not be delayed much longer.

The organization of the free silver Republicans only serves to show the necessity of some outward demonstration to call the attention of the public to the fact that they are still able to kick.

It is reported that Speaker Reed is gathering some choice phrases from the scriptures to fire at the depraved Philistines represented by such men as Bookless Sims.

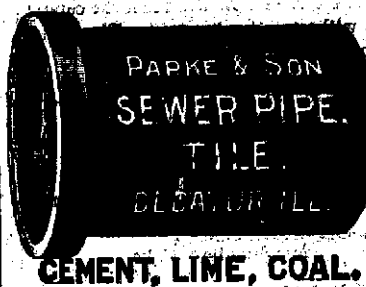
The recent advance in iron is taken as one of the unerring signs of the advent of conditions under the new tariff bill which will bring prosperity to our people.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address:

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One lot of Ladies' Silk Club Ties, all new styles, Persian patterns, closing out price 5c each.

One lot of Club Bows, black and colors, worth 25c, closing out price 15c each.

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One lot of Leather Belts, worth 25c, closing out price 15c each.

One lot of Leather Belts, worth from 40c to 75c, closing out price 25c each.

One lot of Metal Belts, worth from 85c to 85c, closing out price 25c each.

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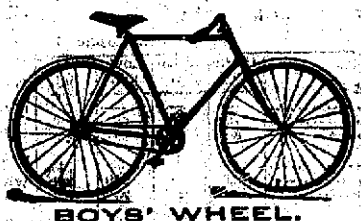
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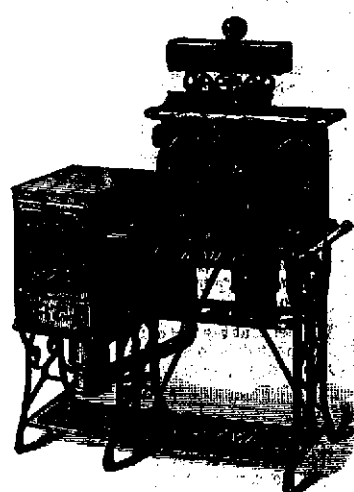
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LOCAL NEWS.

You can get magic toothache drops at Irwin's drug store.

Irwin's Camera tablets will cure habitual constipation; 90 doses, 25c.

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

The expenses throughout Mason county at the last election were \$1111.76.

Kola-Yena is the most invigorating drink, sold only at Irwin's.

P. O. D. of A. will meet at their hall on North Main street Friday evening, June 11.

First \$2 excursion to Chicago via Illinois Central Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20.—8-td

Rev. L. Field of the U. B. church will preach Sunday at Elwin at 11 a. m. and at Boody at 3 p. m.

Two dollars to Chicago and return on Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, via Illinois Central railroad.—8-td

First of the season to Chicago only \$3 round trip, via I. C. railroad, Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20.—8-td

Grand Free Entertainment every night at Powers' Grand Opera House. The International Vaudeville Company. 28-td

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Mo. 25-td

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. Mo. 26-td

Extremely low prices on buggies and carriages for a short time only. Leon & Morris, 183 East Wood street.—28-td

The members of the Dorcas society will serve dinner next Monday, census day, in the vacant room next to Powers' shoe store, North side of Central park.

The Reed & Sons piano was selected and used at the high school commencement today. This excellent instrument is on sale at the Prescott Music House.

Dan Culp for pumps, force pumps, lift pumps, wood pumps, chain pumps, and water elevators, 223 N. Main st. Durfee & Culp. May 25-td

The first commencement carriage drove up to the stage entrance of the Grand this morning at 7:45, and four "sweet girl graduates" in white alighted and flitted across the pavement.

You will never be disappointed in life if you will but remember that to get everything you desire in vegetables or fruit call 344, Pearl Oyster & Fish company. Consult their telephone cord.—8-td

First of the season. \$2 excursion to Chicago via Illinois Central on Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. Tickets good going on 7:10 a. m. and 11:55 a. m. trains of Saturday and Diamond Special of Sunday morning. Tickets limited to return on June 20.—8-td

Gents, now is the time to look up your spring suit of clothes or overcoat and have them re-dyed, cleaned or pressed in first-class style by people who are experts and practical dyers and cleaners at Miller's Steam Dyeing and Dry Cleaning establishment, 145 North Main street.

The gross earnings of the Illinois Capital from traffic for the month of May are estimated at \$1,794,459, an estimated increase of \$150,000 over the same month of last year. For the ten months ended April 30, the excess receipts of the road over operating expenses and taxes were \$688,946, a decrease of \$676,488 over the same period of the preceding fiscal year.

Don't thin your blood with sawdust or poison it with blue-moss; but aid Nature by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation, biliousness and stomach and liver troubles. They are purely vegetable. A. J. Storer & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krohn.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. H. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk graded seeds, at the Spencer & Latham Co., 125-127 North Water street, at stairs. May 31-td

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Official Report.

December, June 10, 1927.

Present: Mrs. Mary E. Haworth, Messrs. D. B. Shellenbarger, James F. Roach, and the clerk, E. A. Gastman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report for May was approved.

The following bills were ordered paid: Linn & Scruggs, \$5.90; Hammer & Calhoun, \$19; H. D. Goshert, \$12.90; Decatur Gas company, \$3.18; John G. May, \$12.85; Herald-Examiner company, \$9.55; Decatur Coal company, \$67.76; C. H. Parker, \$1; Election expenses, \$17; Durfee & Culp, \$2.15; Review Printing company, \$4.75; Abel Carpet company, \$1.95; Huff Bros., \$3.95; Henderson Bros., \$43.10; A. Peters & Co., \$3.95; Meacham & Wells Co., \$9.55; Anne E. Roby, \$1; R. H. Greene, \$6.50; R. J. Waggy, \$3.75.

The contract for kalsomining the high school was awarded to J. B. Sherkert for \$388.50. W. A. Boyde offered to do it for \$388.

Ordered, that the board visit the school buildings on Tuesday next to consider the repairs to be made.

Mrs. Mary E. Haworth was requested to represent the board at the school board convention to be held in Milwaukee in connection with the national educational association July 6-10.

The contract for furnishing from 300 to 600 single desks was awarded to the Springfield Furniture company at these prices: Nos. 1 and 2, \$1.25; Nos. 3 and 4, \$1.75; Nos. 5 and 6, \$1.50; Reams, \$1.50; Grand Rapids offered \$2.30, \$2.10, \$2 and \$3; Imperial company offered \$1.95, \$1.65, \$1.75 and \$1.55.

The board canvassed the vote cast at the school election held June 1, 1927, and found that 1760 votes were cast for David S. Shellenbarger and 1003 votes for William Lewis. Mr. Shellenbarger filed his oath of office.

On motion of Mrs. M. E. Haworth, Mr. D. S. Shellenbarger was elected president and E. A. Gastman clerk for the coming year.

The resignations of Misses Flora E. Hill and Lena Ullrich were accepted and Miss Jessie Lockett was elected to the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Hill.

The old teachers and janitors were re-elected.

The superintendent was granted leave of absence during July to visit his grandson in Seattle, Wash.

Adjourned.

D. S. Shellenbarger, President.
E. A. Gastman, Clerk.

Mr. Smith Makes a Correction.

Eda. Republican: Yesterday at the meeting of the county lodge of Good Templars a resolution was adopted regarding the use of Roman punch at the coming alumni banquet. It was adopted on account of the statement made through the daily papers that Roman punch was to be served and we took it for granted that the information was authentic. This morning, however, Dr. Byrnes, in charge of the banquet, has shown me a certificate from Mr. Grider, the caterer in charge, stating that no alcoholic preparation will be served and tells me that it is to be orange punch, in which no brandy or champagne or other alcoholic beverage is used. We are very glad that such is the case and congratulate the alumni on the nature of the courses to be served. We regret that information was given by any one to the press that created a wrong impression, but are glad that the matter is now thoroughly and satisfactorily understood.

Albert F. Smith,
Chairman of Committee.

DIDN'T LOOK FOR IT.

Words from a Stranger Smoothed the Way.

An elderly gentleman of fine presence in the business office of one of the largest grocery stores in an eastern city engaged in social converse with one of the proprietors. They were old friends and were talking of the old friendship.

"A pleasant surprise to the giver, handing him a white card," "Postum Cereal," the two old friends exchanged greetings.

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The Confectioner.

Eda. Republican: In a morning paper a "Miser" takes exception to our people buying coal that is shipped in and not patronizing home industries. That is right; give 'em the. The writer believes in home protection and whenever he can without too great a loss, he practices what he believes. But there is another side to the coal question. It is true our miners are not getting employment all the time, but are they not somewhat at fault for this condition of things? It is but a few years ago that our miners here in Decatur without any cause or provocation and with no complaint against their employers, laid down their tools and quit work in obedience to an order that originated more than 50 miles east of us, and was issued by persons that had no more interest in Decatur miners and cared no more for their welfare than they did for the inhabitants of the north star. Wealthy people and a few that had received a tip of what was coming had a stock of coal on hand and were not discommoded. But how was it with others—the poor and working classes that were utterly unable to have a supply on hand? The miners stayed out to the great inconvenience of thousands of our people until they had driven a large share of the trade of the Decatur Coal company to other places. Railroad companies that had been taking coal here for their engines were compelled to make arrangements elsewhere. Hundreds of customers that had always used the home product were obliged to seek other sources of supply and all this for no fault of anybody but the miners themselves. A large share of this trade has never come back and it will be many a year before it does. When customers are thus unnecessarily and offensively driven away it is extremely hard to induce them to return. Can our miners see the "moral?"

An Open Letter.

An open letter addressed to the people and their leaders. For some time I have diligently worked to interest you in a special branch of education, which generally is unnoticed. This study I refer to is "Self Study or Self Culture." Having but a few lines of space I cannot tell you about it here, but invite you to come and investigate. Thinking people have come to realize that there is an education everyone has to give himself that is not taught in schools and colleges, yet by all reason it ought to be. This education every aspiring person is willing to give himself, but before he can do so he must allow himself to be measured by the model, he must be shown scientifically what he is and then how to become what he ought to be. He must first be taught self-knowledge and then self-culture. This grand work is briefly termed character building. Now do not stand back and look on; make no false or empty excuses. This will, and ought to, interest everyone, no matter where he stands in society. Do not drive such workers away, but welcome them. Psychology is a science that has seen too many tests to be afraid of you, only do yourselves not hesitate by expecting it to disclose some of your supposed hidden traits or deficiencies, I will only mention those to you in private readings. I am anxious to meet you in private or public. Will begin my first term of lessons in this city Friday, June 11, at Mrs. Shellenbarger Hall, corner Eldorado and Franklin street. Lesson to each in this class ten cents. Remember you learn to know yourself and the best of all, "how to make the most of yourself," a truly accomplished personality, physical, mental and spiritual. Private readings \$1. Will give lectures in private or public, take collection. Rooms 735 North Monroe street. Old phone 561. Prof. R. H. Kraus.

Dinner June 14.

The Dorcas society has arranged to serve a first-class dinner on Saturday at 10:30 a. m. in the room next east of Powers' shoe store, Park street. They will be ready to serve meals as early as 10:30 a. m. and will serve them from that hour on. The dinner will consist in part of stewed chicken, roast pork and beef, mashed potatoes, corn, peas, pickles, radishes, rolls, coffee and pie, all for 30 cents. This association was organized for the purpose of raising a fund to erect a suitable monument to the soldiers of Mason county and the proceeds of this dinner will be devoted to that purpose. The object is a patriotic one and the dinner should be well patronized by our people.

My penmanship.

L. E. Provost, reading one and one-half miles northwest of the city, brought this fine specimen of a sample of penmanship of which 24 berries make a quart. They are an elegant sample of fruit and as delicious as they are elegant. Mr. Provost has two acres of these berries which he sells at \$3 a crate. Those who are lovers of well developed fruit of this kind should call on Mr. Provost before his crop is exhausted. He has berries which he will sell for less than \$3 a crate.

Married.

At the Edward Martin church parsonage, by Rev. Martin Stevenson, June 10, Joseph E. Stevens and Miss Lillian Banks, both of Decatur.

Signs, Signs.

Havardettes.....120 for \$1.75
Little Dimes.....140 for \$2.50
5 for 10

Special prices to the trade. For sale at L. O'Connor's Men's Store.

New covers costing \$3.00 have just been completed at Lenth.

THE WHEELMEN'S CLUB.

Winners in the Race on the Park—Dorcas, Fullmer, Conklin and Walmsley.

The first of a series of bi-monthly bicycle races to be given during the summer by the members of the Decatur Wheelmen's club took place last evening on the mile track of the Decatur Trotting association, and there were many club members and visitors present to witness the interesting events which became quite exciting at the finish. There were over 100 wheels on the grounds, representing an outlay of \$5000 to \$6000. A number of parties came out in carriages and buggies. John W. Phillips, of Kansas City, Mo., who is an enthusiastic wheelman, was on the track with his wheel. He wore a regulation suit and was anxious to go in the race but he was ruled out. C. M. Reddick, who has just begun to ride a wheel, was anxious to see what Jake Latham would do, and was disappointed when the racing attorney failed to show up in the handling. Latham was not in condition, being afflicted with rheumatic pains and "Cholly bone."

The referee of the race was George Hart; starter, F. B. Miller; judges, Mayor Taylor, Harry Shlandeman and Frank Pahmeyer; clerk, Charles Davis and assistants; timers, George Post, Harry Hamsher and Archie Wilson.

The first event on the card was the mile scratch race. The starters were L. E. Rogers, Earl Walmsley, A. L. Fullmer, Guy Conklin, Henry Marcott and Will Murry. To the first quarter Marcott was the leader and then Rogers won the front winning the race in 4:27. At the finish it was close between Walmsley and Fullmer and

COMMENCEMENT DAY

Thirtieth Annual Graduating Exercises of the Decatur High School.

RIGHTY-SEVEN MEMBERS OF CLASS OF '97.

Motto: "Finis Coronat Opus"—Grand Opera House
Crowded to the Doors—A Bright Day for the
Glad Anniversary—Alumni Reunion at
Guards Armory To-Night.

The thirtieth annual commencement exercises of the Decatur High School were held this morning beginning at 9 o'clock at Powers' Grand opera house, and were attended by hundreds of persons. Long before the hour for opening the doors a large crowd was in front of the entrance and when the doors were thrown open the people poured into the theatre and filled the house. There were hundreds of persons who were unable to find even standing room and when any left their places were immediately filled by others. About 400 seats on the lower floor were reserved for the relatives and friends of the graduates to whom invitations had been sent and the other parts of the house were free to the public. On account of the heat and the large number of persons present part of the house was suffocating and a number of ladies fainted and were carried out.

The graduating class of 1897 is the largest that has ever before left the high school. It numbered 87, there being 53 girls and 34 boys. The class as a whole was a brilliant one and in it were many particularly bright students.

The opera house had been beautifully decorated for the occasion by the members of the junior class of the school. On each side of the stage were arranged large palms and vases of flowers and suspended from the top was the class motto, "Finis Coronat Opus." The letters were blue and yellow, the class colors, and over them were the figures '97. Superintendent Gastman and the members of the board of education, D. S. Shellabarger, Mrs. George D. Haworth and J. F. Roach, Prof. Sheppard and the other members of the faculty, and Rev. D. F. Howe and

Brown, the class artist, made large sketches on the stage with wonderful rapidity and cleverness. The diplomas were awarded by Mrs. Geo. D. Haworth and Superintendent Gastman, after which the class sang "Good Bye Old High School," and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Penhalligon.

THE SALUTATORY.

The salutatorian Charles Moore Steele spoke as follows:
Ladies and Gentlemen: In the name of the class of '97 it gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome you to the thirtieth annual commencement exercises of the Decatur high school.

Twenty-nine years ago less than 100 people gathered to witness the graduation from the Decatur high school of a class of four young ladies. Today this hall is crowded with the friends of a graduating class numbering more than that of any other city of the size of Decatur. We have spent four long years in the old high school and as we come before you this morning we feel especially grateful to you in the part you have taken in making the high school a success. You have sustained our school and you have given your most hearty support to the untiring efforts of our principal who has been on the alert to create a school spirit. We trust that this school spirit may continue to become more manifest and that it may help others as it has helped us to see the vast amount of good that may come from the high school and that it may assist them in attaining a higher position in life than they could reach without it.

ment, a period filled with events whose decisive results have had a most lasting effect upon American history. The speaker then turned to the early history of the American republic. He said that when peace was declared between England and the United States the latter was not a union of states but a league of thirteen commonwealths held together by the articles of confederation which gave to congress no little power that it was impossible for that body to make laws or levy tax which the states were bound to respect. As a result the states always disagreed. Congress was unable to collect taxes and consequently could not raise the money needed to run the government. The nation came to be ignored by the powers who would some day tremble at the mandates issued under the stars and stripes. These conditions caused such men as Washington, Hamilton and Madison to urge the people to strengthen the Federal government. The speaker then referred to the financial troubles of the country when valueless paper money was issued by the states, and gave a description of Shay's rebellion which was one of the most important questions of this period was that of public land when the great northwest territory was opened up to immigration. This might be made to yield enough to more than pay the cost of the war, but the development of the territory made commercial problems more perplexing than before. A convention was held for the purpose of establishing a uniform system of legislation for commerce but as all of the states were not represented their was no immediate result. Disunion and anarchy were threatened. In Virginia the people became so dread anarchy more than centralization. They were first to elect delegates to a convention which was afterward held and at which all the states excepting Rhode Island were represented. George Washington was elected the president of the convention and the members proceeded to the work of perfecting the American government. After four months of work a constitution was made which would give strength and unity to the republic.

In concluding his oration Mr. Steele said: "The task now before the members of the convention was to secure the ratification of the constitution by the states; not a light work, not the easy thing we who have long enjoyed the blessings of the constitution might imagine it to be. The people were jealous for the power of their own states. This jealousy was deep rooted; it was the growth of more than a hundred years. The colonies had possessed nothing in common but hard ships and the revolutionary war was the only instance in which this brought them very closely together. Take it all in all it is probable that in every one of the states there was, at the time the constitution was first presented, a majority opposed to it. It was the task of a comparatively small number of men to win over this majority. The people must be convinced that their country's gain would be their gain and it was no easy task to convince men who had made up their minds in advance that they did not want to be convinced. But the members went back to their states with the determination to succeed, and with success as their aim they labored incessantly for the adoption of the constitution. The country was flooded with pamphlets arguing for and against the constitution, but foremost among these appeared the "Federalist," the joint production of Madison and Hamilton. Through this publication was felt the most pre eminent influence in favor of the American constitution.

"In December came the ratification by Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. And one by one, after bitter conflict and hard struggles in their respective conventions, all of the states had ratified the work of the convention and that constitution which is recognized as the grandest work ever struck off by the brain and purpose of man was laid down as the bulwark of the American republic. Thus we see emerging from the darkness of the most critical period in American history the grand old ship of state which will for ever guarantee to its passengers the perpetuation of those immortal principles so valiantly sustained by the brave soldiers of the revolution, the principles of independence and liberty."

CLASS HISTORY.

The class history was given by Miss Cordelia Williams. She told what the members of the class had done from the time they entered the high school until their graduation and related many interesting and amusing incidents which marked the career of the students in the school. She said that the class entered the high school on September 8, 1893, and numbered 91 girls and 28 boys. The first few weeks were full of trials and troubles but the freshman year was a pleasant one for the class. In the sophomore year there were 78 girls and 48 boys. This was considered an important year. At this time the high school orchestra was organized and the new feature of having lectures at the school every Monday morning was instituted, and the students took up studies which required much hard work. The historian mentioned as one of the most interesting incidents of the senior year the exercises attending the presentation by the students and teachers to the high school of the bust of Superintendent Gastman. It was spoken of as a privilege such as no other class had the opportunity to enjoy. During the year

the seniors entertained the juniors at the home of Col. J. M. Ciokey and in return the juniors gave a reception to the seniors at the Guards' armory. An entertainment was also given at the home of D. S. Shellabarger, and another by the members of the class a week ago. The tragic death of Clarence Eberly was referred to as the heaviest grief which fell upon the class.

In closing the history of the class Miss Williams said: "In behalf of Mr. Sheppard I will say that he has been exceedingly kind to us. Many a time when we felt that we had unsurmountable difficulties he would give us sympathy and courage and it is through his influence that we have what was sadly lacking before this time, a true class spirit. He has made us feel that he has our personal interests at heart and that in him we have not only a teacher, but a friend. The average age of the members of this class is 17 years and 6 months. The oldest is aged 20 and the youngest is aged 15. Their average height is 4 ft. eleven and a fraction inches and if they were stood on top of one another the top would be at an altitude of 488 feet and 8 inches. Their average weight is 121 pounds, 85 ounces and 5 drams. Thirty-three of the members have brown hair, 59 black hair, 91 light hair, and one has red hair. Forty-five members have blue eyes, 14 brown eyes and 11 grey eyes. There are 56 Republicans, 15 Democrats, 1 Prohibitionist, 1 Independent and 8 have no politics at all.

"This ends the brief history of the four years we have spent in the high school and it is with sincere regret that we realize that we meet as a class for the last time, and each go their way to take part in the affairs of life. May 'The End Crown the Work' of each individual with the same honor and credit that has crowned their work as members of the class of '97."

does not stop with the nation but affects the individual as well. Often we are inspired by reading a book written by some great-souled, pure-minded man or woman. Unfortunately this influence is not always the best. Some minds have been dwarfed by the reading of bad books the same as others have been broadened and elevated by the reading of good books. But the good effects have generally outweighed the bad and always will. In closing her address Miss Flint spoke as follows:

"We are not only kept in touch with the thoughts of the present age by our magazines and newspapers, but through the literature of the various countries we are given the productions of the great minds of centuries past and gone. We are as well acquainted with the great epics of Homer and Virgil as were the ancient Greeks and Romans and the beautiful little songs of Burns belong to us quite as much today as they did to the people of Scotland over a hundred years ago. "Sitting by our own fireside we can almost hear the roar of gun and boom of cannon coming from the battle of Waterloo, or by the mere turning of a leaf the horrors of the Inquisition and the terrible scenes of the French revolution seem to be enacted within the walls of our own room. We not only know what the people of long ago did, but also what they felt, and through their experience, recorded in their literature, we have learned lessons worth remembering."

"Oh! blessed letters that combine in one All ages past and make us live with all; By you we do confer with who are gone, And the Dead—living unto counsel call! By you the unborn shall have communion Of what we feel and what doth us befall."

CLASS PROPHECY.

The class prophecy was delivered by Robert Schudel. It was of more interest

Graduating Class of 1897.

Mae Allinson.
Sadie Chenoweth Athens.
Rose Evelyn Bachrach.
Emma Rosalie Bean.
Mary Adele Blackstone.
Josephine Elizabeth Bold.
Gussie Hill Bone.
Frances Alice DeCoursey.
Joannette May Drake.
Alice Wessels Drobisch.
Madge Otis Fenton.
Eva Myrtle Flint.
Jennie Mae Frew.
Clara Chesley French.
Nora Lucile Graham.
Ina Corinne Graham.
Mary Willis Greene.
Mollie Elise Grubel.
Minnie Anna Halmbacher.
Lulu Blanche Hoyland.
Mary Josephine Kerr.
Nellie A. Keeler.
Ina Lydia Kincaid.
Lillian Clare King.
Grace Hortense Lytle.
Bessie Florence Lutz.
Abner William Brintlinger.
Roy Henry Brown.
Lucien Wood Bullard.
Ira Waddell Ciokey.
Winfred Newman Conway.
Sidney Albert Covington.
Ralph Earle Cruzan.
Florence P. Donahoe.
Forrest File.
Harry Garver.
Ira A. Garver.
H. Alfin Gleason.
Benjamin Terrill Hoffman.
Ira Barnes Hoy.
Walter Sumner Irwin.
William Bertrand Kennedy.
Guy Warren Lipscomb.
Robert Urry Maftt.

Eva Rilla Major.
Nellie Meriwether.
Laura Agnes McNeil.
Mary M. Miller.
Edith Frances Montgomery.
Emma Maud Muthersbaugh.
Jessie Norma Nicholls.
Etta Bernice Oakes.
Myrtle Angella Owen.
Clara E. Phillips.
Ada Aletta Rainey.
Etta M. Raddock.
Bessie Virginia Sanner.
Clara Loretta Sawyer.
Lida Evelyn Smetters.
Elizabeth Blanche Spaulding.
Marie Rose Steinbach.
Mary Olive Sterrett.
Litta Tobey.
Josephine F. Waggoner.
Maude B. Wallace.
Leila Alberta Warwick.
Estelle Verne Williams.
Cordelia Williams.
Harriet Welmer Wood.
Edna May Woodford.
Ralph Garfield Mills.
Walter Herbert Mills.
Benson A. L. Myers.
Frederick D. Niedermeyer.
George Raymond Oakes.
George Edgar Odor.
Roy P. Owen.
Russell Charles Packard.
Alfred Platt.
Charles Franklin Record.
Robert Karl Schudel.
Charles Moore Steele.
Henry Conklin Stevens.
Bryant Edward Vail.
Sylvester Wilhelm.
Wayne Cullen Williams.
Stephen Lucien Wood.

CLASS ORATION.

Miss Myrtle Flint, the class orator, spoke on "Literature and Life." She mentioned that it had often been said that "the greatest thing in the world is man and the greatest thing in man is mind, and that to this might be added that the greatest thing in mind is thought. Expressions of human thought are seen everywhere. All that is not of divine creation is but the realization or expression of thoughts. The speaker said it was not the beautiful things, such as paintings, that were the highest development of human thought but that there must be something higher—the world's literature. All of the forces, influences and circumstances which effect the life of any age or people are found to be moulded upon the literature. One of the most obvious forces on literature is that of race." After going into details on this point the speaker said that there were also other influences. One was that of the different periods of national political condition of the country, and another influence which is reflected in literature is the character of the natural or physical environment of the people. Thus we see how great an influence life has upon literature but even more important and certainly more practical is the influence of literature upon life. Just as the forces of life mould and form the literature, the latter influences not only the lives of the people but often whole nations. As illustrations were mentioned Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the influence of the books of the present day on the people, and the influence of the articles which are published in the reviews and magazines. The influence of literature

to the students and their friends than to the others, as they were better able to appreciate the positions in which their classmates were prophesied to hold in after life. The speaker imagined herself to be meeting with the members of the class twenty years hence. The following were some of the vocations in life which the speaker placed his former schoolmates and as will be seen he gave them both exalted and lowly positions: Guy Lipscomb, a banker; Benjamin Kennedy, a hotel proprietor; Myrtle Flint, president of the country; Stella Williams, vice-president; August Myers, chief justice of the supreme court, with Cordelia Williams and Fred Platt as associates; Charles Steele a senator; Bryant Vail and Henry Stevens, comedians; Rose Bachrach, married to an Italian prince; Charles Record, speaker of the house of representatives; Winfred Conway, a poet; Walter Irwin and Stephen Wood, ranchmen; Sidney Covington, an ambassador; Roy Brown, artist; Florence Donahoe and Forrest File, editors; Ed Odor, president of a sportsmen's club; Lillian King, married to a farmer; Russell Packard, missionary; Mae Allinson, matron of the order of old maids; Ira Hoy, doing housework; Maude Wallace, popular singer; Ralph Mills and Allen Gleason, in jail on suspicion of being the long and short men; Lucien Bullard, Roy Owen and George Oakes, building marine tunnels; Ina Ciokey, Decatur lawyer; Alice Drobisch, fall heir to millions; Mary Sterrett and Clara Phillips, graduates from a Berlin college; Clara Sawyer, president of the W. C. T. U.; Maude Stephens and Josephine Bold, milliners; Edna Woodford, Baptist preacher; Harriet Wood, a doctor; Jessie Nichols, music teacher; Mary Miller, principal of the Decatur high school;

Bessie Drobisch and Bessie Sanner, members of the board of education; Nell Keeler, inventor of a matrimonial machine successfully tried by Mollie Grubel and Eva Majors; Ina Kincaid and Minnie Halmbacher, new women; Ben Hoffman, inventor; Madge Fenton, Jennie Frew and Hortense Lytle, remained in Decatur; Josephine Waggoner and Emma Muthersbaugh, farming; Bessie Spaulding, novelist; Litta Tobey, lawyer; Maude Green and Josephine Kerr, hunting for the north pole; Ada Rainey and Joannette Drake, travelling saleswomen; Harry Garver, insurance agent; Alice De Coursey and Laura McNeil, prohibitionists; Fred Niedermeyer, living in China; Nellie Meriwether was a nun; Emma Bean, a professor; Lida Smetters and Bernice Oakes, policemen; Edith Montgomery, gravely herself to death on the woman's rights question; Leila Warwick was married; Silvester Wilhelm, founder of a bachelor's home, Ralph Cruzan, a writer; Myrtle Owen and Sadie Atbore were governors of Cuba and Hawaii, Robert Maftt, contracting for ice in the Arctic seas; Nora and Ina Graham, married to senators; Lulu Hoyland, owner of a silver mine; Walter Mills, a great general; Adelle Blackstone and Bessie Lutz, composers; Wayne Williams was found to be the greatest orator in the country.

CLASS POEM.

The following is the poem which was composed and delivered by the Class Poet, Charles Record:
Time may bring pleasures or sorrowful tears
And lead in darkness east.
Yet the memories of my high school years
Will be sacred to the last.

I shall remember them in my daily life
Their fruits I use each hour,
In my daily task and humble strife
They'll be a bulwark and a tower

They'll battle back the rolling tide
Of rude and lowly thought,
My thoughts and knowledge are my pride
And joy, and gifts these years have brought.

And now we leave this happy class
Of which each is a part,
Now we break the vital east
That reaches to the heart.

As feeling that has entwined us 'round
And grown for four long years,
A feeling in each heart is found,
Too deep for words or tears.

Though storms assailed us on our voyage,
And seemed to drive all joys away,
The help of classmates gave us courage
And made dull work lightesome play.

We got from out these trifling troubles,
Values that we could not then so deem,
Then they seemed but worthless bubbles
Now they're jewels that brightly gleam.

We could see, through the mist, brightly gleaming
Our crown awaiting, golden and fair,
We have followed its glorious beaming
And have cast our anchor there.

And now with pride and joy today
For the task accomplished, that none can shrink,
We are wearing the crown awarded us pay,
For the end has crowned the work.

Shout aloud, all ye classmates,
Throw your tanks and books away
Each one help to merry-make,
For this is our commencement day.

Dear friends, if our looks are happy and gay,
And our faces smiling and bright,
Within each breast there is stored away
Thoughts that are as gloomy as night.

As we hear the waves of life's ocean,
Heeding with ceaseless throbs,
Our hearts filled with aching emotions,
Echo back with breaking sobs.

We feel that the ties of friendship
Cemented by four long years,
Are aching, when with quivering lips,
We bid good-bye in tears.

As we float out on life's restless waves,
As they toss and surge and swell,
We trust in Him who alone can save
As we wave our last farewell!

THE VALEDICTORY.

The Valedictorian, Wayne C. Williams, preceded his valedictory address with an oration on the subject "The College of the People." In his discussion he dealt with the future development of the high school. He gave its history and traced the growth of the high school when it has become the greatest school for popular education in America. It prepares the great mass of young people for life, at least in a certain sense. Yet, he said, the school has only taken its first steps in the growth toward a great school which educate broadly the mass of young people. He described the present age as one of scientific inquiry when men submit the goodness of a cause or thing to the test of reason; utility is the test of excellence. Education should be placed on a scientific basis, as other institutions are now being established. Above all the high school should be scientific in method and arrangement.

The school in its relation to the entire educational system should have a bare of unity that the student may pass freely from one institution to another. The course should be broadened and extended to six years.

In its relation to the individual the school must satisfy his intellectual desires in the last degree. He must there find the opportunities for the expression of his intellect and his individuality. Such an arrangement of the high school course will be scientific and practical.

The closing of the oration was as follows:

"Then all hail to the modern college of the people. It is demanded by the masses and in its broadness it will come. Intelligence is necessary to citizenship in a free nation, and the future safety of our

(Concluded on last page.)

Commencement Program.

MUSIC.....	Mandolin Club. Chas. Freeman. Byron Bramble. Will McBride.	Ben. Freeman. Earle Bartholomew.
INVOCATION.....	Rev. D. F. Howe.	
SONG.....	"Gaudeamus" By the Class.	
SALUTATORY AND ORATION.....	"The Critical Period in American History" Charles Moore Steele.	
PIANO SOLO—"Danse de Concert".....	Bendel Miss Mary Adele Blackstone.	
CLASS HISTORY.....	Miss Cordelia Williams.	
VOCAL SOLO—"The Maid and the Rose".....	De Koven Miss Lillian Clare King.	
CLASS ORATION.....	"Literature and Life" Miss Eva Myrtle Flint.	
CLASS PROPHECY.....	Robert Karl Schudel.	
PIANO SOLO—"Rhapsodie hongroise No. 18".....	Liszt Miss Bessie Florence Lutz.	
CLASS POEM.....	Charles Franklin Record.	
SKETCHES.....	Roy Henry Brown.	
ORATION AND VALEDICTORY.....	"The College of the People" Wayne Cullen Williams.	
AWARDING DIPLOMAS.....		
SONG.....	"Goodbye, Old High School" By the Class.	
BENEDICTION.....	Rev. W. H. Penhalligon.	

Rev. W. H. Penhalligon were seated at the front of the stage. The graduates were seated behind them and the stage was elevated so that every person could be seen from the audience. The girls in their white dresses and the boys in their black suits made a very pretty picture. The program opened with music by the mandolin club and an invocation by Rev. Mr. Howe. This was followed by a class song, after which the speeches and other numbers were given. The piano solo by Miss Adele Blackstone and Miss Bessie Lutz were excellently rendered and the vocal selection by Miss Lillian King was unusually well given. The orations, a synopsis of each of which is given below, were all splendidly delivered. Roy

From you we have received our education and we feel it our duty to return to you the fruits of the knowledge we have gathered, and the best way in which we can show our gratitude is by living honest, upright, cultured lives and by being true, patriotic American citizens. Such is the aim of the class of '97 of the Decatur high school.

At the conclusion of his salutatory address Mr. Steele gave an oration on the subject "The Critical Period of American History."

He said that in 1773 when Great Britain ratified the treaty which recognized the independence of the United States this country was entering upon a period fraught with the greatest dangers to the govern-

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HENRY O. HAVEMEYER
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boiled sugar in the basement and lived
on the ground floor. The sugar was sold
at small profits. The two immigrant
brothers were frugal and industrious.
Their business grew legitimately, and
they enlarged it. When the brothers
died they left a comfortable business
to the sons. F. C. Havemeyer, Jr., one
of the sons, not only understood the
sugar business, but was a graduate of
Columbia college, too. When he reached
his majority he took in his cousin,
Henry O. Havemeyer, the son of F. C.
Havemeyer, Jr., and the business has
thus been carried down for three gen-
erations. Each generation has en-
larged it and brought it nearer and
nearer to perfection. Henry O. Have-
meyer's whole life has been given up to
the business of sugar refining. His
brother, the late secretary, lived much
abroad. Henry O. lived in the factories
and in the trade. He has been the rul-
ing and governing spirit of the busi-
ness, and it was to his genius and fore-
sight that the existence of the trust,
with its vast trade and stupendous de-
pendencies, is due. The story of the
sugar industry in this country is the
story of Mr. Havemeyer. His personal-
ity has been absorbed in his enormous
business.

MILES OF WARSHIPS.

Jubilee Naval Review Will Be Fully
Ten Leagues Long.
The most striking feature of the
queen's diamond jubilee festivities will
be the naval review at Spithead June
23. Thirty miles of war ships will be
drawn up in the Solent for inspection
by the queen. The front line will be
composed of 20 foreign ships. The re-
maining six lines will represent every
type and rig of the British navy. The
illumination of the fleet at night will
be a display unique both for its bril-
liance and its magnitude.
Members of both houses of parlia-
ment will be guests of the admiralty on
board the Campania, while hundreds of
other steamships, yachts and launches
have been chartered for private parties.
The only British colony which has re-
fused to celebrate the queen's jubilee is



ADMIRAL J. N. MILLER.
(In Command of the United States Jubilee
Squadron.)

British Guiana, in defense of whose
claims against Venezuela, England al-
most provoked a rupture with the
United States. The governing body
there has come to the conclusion that
as numerous needed local undertakings
have been neglected for the want of
money it would be criminal extrava-
gance to appropriate public money for
jubilee festivities.

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A new process of bleaching has been
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which bisulphide of soda and an alkali
chloride have been added and the
goods subjected to heavy pressure.
They are then transferred to a steam-
ing apparatus, in which they remain 20
to 60 minutes. The other operations
of bleaching are of the ordinary kind.
The addition of alkaline chloride to the
lye dissolves the gummy matter and
capsules in the fiber.

Matrimonial Statistics.

Of 1,000 men who marry 332 marry
younger women, 579 marry women of
the same age, and 89 marry older
women.

Queen Victoria's Long Reign.
Victoria has reigned longer than any
modern sovereign, with one exception.
That is Louis XIV., who occupied the
throne of France from 1643 to 1715



REMOVING THE OLD GUNS.

Modern Weapons Force the Histori-
cal Relics from Fort Hamilton.
The old smooth-bore guns that have
adorned Fort Hamilton and guarded the
lower bay from the Long Island
shore for so many years are being re-
moved to make place for the new and
improved rapid-fire rifles. The work of
making improvements to the old fort
has begun more than two years ago,
and is being pushed as rapidly as pos-
sible.

Most of the large Rodman guns that
were mounted there long before the war
and never fired have been dismantled
and are now waiting to be sold for junk.
Some of these guns are the largest that
have ever been made in the United
States, and when they were constructed
were considered to be the finest speci-
mens of the gunmaker's art. Several
of them were 20 inches in diameter in
the muzzle. They were never dis-
charged, for the government failed to
make any projectiles for them. They
were used as ornaments, and for the
men stationed there to practice with.

One of the new ten-inch rapid-fire
rifles that is to take the place of the old
guns has been mounted on a Buffing-
ton-Crozier disappearing carriage at
the southern end of the works. It is in a
casement constructed of concrete over
20 feet in thickness, backed up on the
shore side by earth over 50 feet thick.
When the gun is in repose or loading
condition it is far below the top of the
casement and secured from the view of
the enemy. This gun was mounted
some time ago, and marks the begin-
ning of the improvements that are to be
made, and which, when completed, will
be one of the strongest coast defenses
in possession of the government. There
are to be four of the guns mounted.
The second casement is now in course
of construction and will be ready to
have the gun mounted within the next
two months.

Many of the old guns that have been
at the fort have become historic relics.
—Chicago Chronicle.

Fanny Wise and Found Foolish
are they who have not Fole's Colic
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PEABY'S FIFTH TRIP.

Explorer Is Given a Long Leave of Absence.

He Will Abandon His Naval Duties for Five Years—In the Meantime He Will Make Another Effort to Reach the Pole.

Lieut. Peary, of the engineer corps of the navy, has been granted leave of absence for five years by Secretary Long. Mr. Peary will make another effort to reach the north pole. This summer he intends going to Greenland on a preliminary voyage, simply for the purpose of arranging with a number of Eskimos to meet him at Whale sound and go north with him a year hence.

In 1898 and 1899 Lieut. Peary hopes to plant his outposts on the northern coast of Greenland in latitude 83.30, and he wants the Eskimos to go there and keep his stations winter and summer. In the first year of the coming century Lieut. Peary hopes to make a successful dash to the pole and back from these stations. His chances of success are considered good by arctic experts.

Secretary Long has been savagely criticised for giving Lieut. Peary such a long leave of absence, with pay. But the explorer gives up his pay, and the expedition will not cost the government a penny. All he wants the leave of absence for is that he may have here employment to fall back upon when he returns from the north.

Lieut. Peary's arctic venture will cost from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and he has raised the money for it among the people of New York.

The coming voyage will be his fifth journey to the far north. His first trip to the arctic region was made in 1891, and the subsequent journeys were in 1891, 1893 and 1896 respectively. Mr. Peary will start on his preliminary expedition between July 1 and July 15 next for the northern coast of Greenland, and he will return in the latter part of September.

"I will have to hustle now to get ready to start for Whale sound," said



ROBERT EDWIN PEARY.
(Now Preparing for His Fifth Arctic Expedition.)

Mr. Peary, when seen by the correspondent. "Of course I could make no definite arrangements until I obtained leave. I will probably start from Boston on my preliminary trip between July 1 and July 15; to make my preparations for the work of next year. Auxiliary scientific parties may accompany me in July to Labrador and Greenland. Dr. C. H. Hitchcock, of Dartmouth, Prof. G. H. Barton, and probably a party from Yale, will accompany me. We will get a ship at St. John's."

"At Whale sound I will get the Eskimo tribe there at work to collect supplies for the journey north for next year. The tribe, which is known as Arctic Highlanders, is composed of 230 souls. They are the most wholly isolated human beings in the world. They are self-supporting and independent, and I know every man, woman and child in the tribe. They will accumulate during the winter supplies of walrus food, seals and bear skins and other material that will be needed for food and clothing. They will also collect the sledges, tents and will train 40 or 60 dogs. In this way there will be no unnecessary time lost when I am ready next year to start and fit out the caches in the journey far north."

"I shall bring them presents of biscuit, coffee, hatchets, knives and other things. Biscuits and coffee is a rare luxury among them; their diet consisting solely of meat, blubber, blood and water."

Ring Made of a Diamond.

A ring recently exhibited at Antwerp was the admiration of diamond butters and merchants, because it was the first successful attempt to cut a ring out of a single stone. There are a great many difficulties in this method of cutting diamonds, as the stones have a certain cleavage and particular veins, all of which have to be carefully studied in order to prevent splitting just as the stone seems within reach. After several unsuccessful attempts and three years' labor, the feat has been accomplished by the patience and skill of M. Antoin, one of the best-known lapidaries of Antwerp. The ring is about six-eighths of an inch in diameter. In the Marlborough cabinet there is a ring cut out of one entire and perfect sapphire.

Railroad Route to India.

Railroad connection with India is again under discussion in England. A route now proposed runs from Port Said eastward across the peninsula of Sinai to the Gulf of El Akabah, and thence, following the thirteenth parallel of latitude, to Bussorah. From Bussorah the main line crosses the Shat-el-Arab and Karun rivers by swing bridges, and follows the coast line of the Persian gulf and Makran to Kurrachee. Such a line would reduce the time between London and Kurrachee to eight days, and would run through regions where British influence is predominant and political complications attaching to lines passing through the Russian sphere of influence are avoided.



In a woman's physical life there are many critical periods, times of change and transition; of "crossing over" from one stage of development to another; from girlhood to womanhood, to widowhood, and motherhood; again when maternity ceases. These are periods of danger if not hedged about with proper safeguards. At these times any weakness or derangement of the feminine organism is liable to have serious consequences. It is not safe to neglect the earliest symptoms of such trouble. Any woman may obtain free of charge, the professional advice of a skilled, experienced specialist by consulting, either personally or by letter, Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. For thirty years he has been recognized as one of the most eminent living specialists in diseases of women. His "Favorite Prescription" is known all over the world as the most perfect cure ever devised for all feminine disorders, and weaknesses; and the most perfect strengthener for prospective, or nursing mothers. It is the only medicine for women which is prepared by a regularly graduated, skilled physician.

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For years Frank Green has run on the Wabash between Bement and Decatur. He has now been changed so that he will no longer make these points.

Junk & Shoemaker, of Keppa, killed 400 rats in one day last week.

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John Brian, of San Jose, has raised 500 chickens so far this spring, while Julius Englehorn of the same place has 800.

Some for ten, some for twenty and some for thirty years have suffered from piles and then have been quickly and permanently cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and all forms of skin diseases. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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Just 4441 vehicles passed over the Pekin wagon bridge from May 17 to June 1.

"They are dandies," said Thos. Bowers, of the Crockett, Texan, Enterprise, while writing about DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for sick headache and disorders of the stomach and liver. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Prof. C. H. Smith, of Ohio, has been employed as principal of the Williamsville schools for another year.

Don't neglect a cough because the weather is pleasant; before the next storm rolls around it may develop into a serious difficulty beyond repair. One Minute Cough Cure is easy to take and will do what its name implies. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Henry H. Shermeyer died recently at his home in Havana at the age of 70 years. He formerly resided in Bloomington.

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Foley's Kidney Cure is a safe, sure remedy for all kinds of Kidney and Bladder Diseases. H. W. Ball, N. L. Krone.

Archibald Clay died at his home at Lincoln recently aged 79 years.

Not only piles of the very worst kind can be cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, but eczema, scalds, burns, bruises, boils, ulcers and all other skin troubles can be instantly relieved by the same remedy. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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Pitted Cherries, per lb.....	15c	10c bottle Blueing.....	5c
Dried Raspberries, per lb.....	15c	10 bars Kirk's Soap.....	25c
California Dried Peaches, per lb.....	5c	1 lb. good Goss Soap.....	25c
California Dried Apples, per lb.....	5c	1 lb. good Baking Powder.....	10c
3 Crown Muscatel Raisins, per lb.....	5c	Oil Sardines, per can.....	5c
Whole Dried Apples, (cored) per lb.....	5c	Mustard Sardines, per can.....	5c
Dates, per lb.....	5c	Imperial Tea, 2 packages for.....	25c
3-lb. can Tomatoes, per can.....	7c	1 lb. Coffee, 2 packages for.....	20c
Sugar Corn, per can.....	5c	Large Grain Japan Rice, per lb.....	10c
Early June Peas, per can.....	5c	1 lb. package Washing Powder.....	5c
3-lb. can California Table Fruits.....	12 1/2c	All Kinds of Fruits and Vegetables in their Season.	
1-gal. can York State Apples, can.....	17c	Everything as represented or	
1-gal. can Peeled Peaches, per can.....	25c	money refunded.	
1-gallon can Apricots, per can.....	25c		
10c package Starch.....	5c		

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Residence—222 West North St.

A Historic Railway Collision.

Here is the story of the evolution of
the locomotive steam whistle. It was
invented because of the destruction of
a load of eggs. When the country roads
were for the most part crossed at grade
the engine driver had no way of giving
warning of his approach except by
blowing a tin horn. The horn was far
from being a sufficient warning. One
day in the year 1833 a farmer was crossing
the railroad track on one of the
country roads with a great load of eggs
and butter. Just as he came out upon
the track a train approached. The en-
gine man blew his horn lustily, but the
farmer did not hear it. Eighty dozen
eggs and 50 pounds of butter were
crushed into an indistinguishable mass.
The railway company had to pay the
farmer the value of his butter, eggs,
barn and wagon. A director of the
company, Ashland Baxter by name,
wondered something that would give a
warning more likely to be heard.
Stephenson went to work, and the next
day had a contrivance which, when at-
tached to the engine boiler, sent the
steam turned on, gave off a shrill, dis-
tinct sound. The railroad directors,
greatly delighted, ordered similar con-
trivances attached to all the loco-
motives. This has developed into the loco-
motive whistle as we know it—Indus-
trial World.

Recovered from the Sea.

Dredger Sidney Cook, who once recovered
\$125,000 from the sea after others had
given up the task, is now living quietly
in Presque Isle, enjoying a well-earned
rest from his toils. The treasure re-
covered was part of the cargo of the
steamer Golden Gate, burned off the
Mexican coast July 27, 1895, when 288
lives were lost and 96 boxes of gold coin
and bullion sunk. Several expeditions
attempted to recover the coin, one sent
by the insurance companies costing
\$65,000, with nothing to show for it,
and another \$50,000, with a like result.
Then Mr. Cook undertook the task—
Lewis (Mc.) Journal.

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, June 11.—Possible showers this afternoon, partly cloudy and cooler tonight; Saturday fair; fresh westerly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tallor, 117 North Water St.
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-24

German household dyes at Irwin's.

Ladies, don't forget Sunday night's illustrated lecture at the opera house—10-43

Don't think of missing the Wabash cheap excursion to Chicago June 19 and 20.—8-41

Ladies, do not forget your illustrated lecture on Sunday night at the opera house.

The Wabash will run a \$9 Saturday and Sunday excursion to Chicago June 19 and 20.—8-41

The long-looked-for has come. Chicago and return via Wabash June 19 and 20, only \$9.—8-41

The first of the season, Wabash, Saturday and Sunday excursion to Chicago, June 19 and 20.—8-41

Spend a pleasant evening at Powers' Grand opera house. General admission free. Admission 10 cents.

To Loan—\$200, \$300, \$500, \$600, \$1000, \$1200, \$1500, \$4000. Kuny, Johns & Strohm, 124 N. Water st. 10-46

To Chicago for \$3 for Wabash trains of Saturday, June 19, at 8:45 and 11:45 a. m. and 1:05 Sunday morning, 30th.—8-41

For first-class dyeing and cleaning and pressing take your clothing to Miller's. They are first-class practical dyers and dry cleaners, 146 North Main street.

Grand Free Entertainment every night at Powers' Grand Opera House The International Vaudeville Company. 28-42w

Countess Wants something Good knows that we always have fries on demand. Prices within the reach of all. Tel. 344. Pearl Oyster & Fish Company.—8d4t

ODDITIES OF ENGLISH VILLAGES.

No Two of the Towns Are Alike in Any Essential Particular.

Undoubtedly the most extraordinary township in England is that of Skid-daw, in Cumberland. It contains but one house, the occupier of which is unable to exercise the British privilege of voting because there is no overseer to prepare a voters' list, and no church or other place of worship or assembly on which to publish one.

The most remote village in England is that of Farley-cum-Piton. This truly rural spot is 30½ miles from the nearest railway station. As a contrast to this may be mentioned the hamlet of Ystrad, about ten miles from Cardiff. This tiny settlement possesses two important main roads, two railways and two large rivers.

A very unique feature is exclusively claimed by Trimley, a small village in Suffolk. In the one churchyard of the parish two churches are to be seen. Service is conducted three times a week in each of these churches at the same hour.

The deepest well in England is found at Hamilton, in Hampshire. It stretches 350 feet below the surface of the earth. About half-way down this well shaft is a subway, three miles in length, which leads to the sea coast.

On the top of the parish church tower in Bicknoller, Somersetshire, is a yew tree, now five feet high, and still growing in a hardy fashion. It is generally believed that the tree owes its origin to a seed dropped by a bird.

Perhaps the most splendidly decorated church in the kingdom is that of Whitley Court, Worcestershire. It is entirely constructed of white marble, the pews are chastely carved, and the pulpit is of genuine Carrara marble, richly paneled with precious stones.

On the village green at Meriden in Warwickshire, there is a large stone cross, which is supposed to mark the central point of England.—Pearson's Weekly.

Some for ten, some for twenty and some for thirty years have suffered from piles and then have been quickly and permanently cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and all forms of skin diseases. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krohn.

The Mason county school teachers are to hold their annual institute in Mauch City commencing June 15 and continuing for three weeks.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—It is a terrible accident to be burned or scalded, but the pain and agony and frightful disfigurements can be quickly overcome without leaving a scar by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krohn.

A needle was removed from the hip of a child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keller of Pekin, after having been imbedded for three months.

COMMENCEMENT.

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republic lies in the education of her sons and daughters; and in no other way can we lay the foundations, broad, deep and durable, of our political and civil liberties. Eminent thinkers state that a new era confronts us. Truly it may, but surrounding it are a multitude of problems. Economic inequality, concentration of wealth, restlessness of the masses, dangerous tendencies in social and political life, all loom before us with threatening aspect and demand our attention.

"Let us believe that in the century to come this modern college is to take its place as the greatest factor in a broader education of the masses; counteracting these tendencies, righting these wrongs, educating and elevating the people that they may transmit to posterity through our nation those fundamental principles of human liberty which have made it great and powerful and that there may be generated those forces which shall be helpful for all mankind."

Following his oration [Mr. Williams gave his valedictory address. He said that for thirty-seven years classes have been coming before the public at the close of their high school course and now the class of '97 had finished their high school career and enters upon a new life. To those who have in former years been through the same experience he referred them to the sadness of the parting and said that the class enjoys the realization of a completion of four hard years of earnest work, and will carry from the school an abiding sense of pleasant memories when the struggles of life will have banished recollections of other things. To the members of the board of education he said that the course could not be fittingly closed without an expression of the deep obligation felt by the class toward that body, and thanked the members for the interest they had taken and the inspiration they had given. To the principal and teachers the speaker said the class owed the greatest debt. The heartfelt feelings of love and gratitude of all the class could not be expressed. The teachers had exercised a direct and inspiring influence on the lives of the students at a time of intellectual awakening and many of them had been with the class through most of the high school course and had not only been instructors but helpful friends, showing an interest in individual welfare. The speaker said that the high school had been a great training school for after life and the education received there could not be overestimated. The class could scarcely express their gratitude for the lessons taught them and the tolerance and sympathy shown by the teachers at all times. The students trusted that in after years they could feel that they had been true to their teachers and had carried with them the good influence they had received at the school. In leaving the teachers the class felt that it was losing a valuable aid in educational work and an inspiring associate.

To the classmates the valedictorian called attention to the fact that they had assembled for the last time and that they were to leave the high school. He said that it was sad to break such strong ties and there was no doubt but that all could now realize what this modern college had been to them. Nothing could bind closer the ties of fellowship than the defeats and victories of the class and the sadness of the parting could not be well expressed in words. But with all the feelings of sorrow and regard there was cause for congratulation as the members of the class were leaving behind their school days and were entering upon the realities of life. As the members of the class neared the close of their work they felt more strongly the force of that motto which emblazoned their banner, "The End Crowns the Work." In closing the speaker said:

"We have won victory in a limited field and by that victory have acquired a mental equipment and a strength of purpose that will be invaluable in the larger field of action now before us. Today we have the strength of class union, to foster us in our work; tomorrow and hereafter forever the individual effort must win. We must meet single-handed the sharp competition and intense exactness of life. And yet the training and inspiration of one Alma Mater will be behind whatever success we may attain and a controlling force in our purpose and efforts."

"And now, with a last endeavor to experience a feeling of those joys once more, and with a lingering glance at all we have learned to love, we turn with sighs of regret from that which was and is, yet is no more, and, as a class, close the pages of our high school life and bid to one and all an earnest and sorrowing farewell."

Dear High School, thy sons and thy daughters all join in deep love and devotion to thee; Thy bosom hath nursed them, thy teachings inspired, To Faith, Hope and sweet Charity, The swift fleeting years roll 'er endlessly on.

The Night comes and Day fades away; But as long as life lasts thy praises we'll sing.

Old High School, forever and aye.

Dear High School, with hope to the future we turn In the strength that thy lessons impart; Life's joys shall be deeper, its burdens less sore.

For the truths here imparted on each heart, And whatever the years bring of gladness or pain, To cheer or to sadden our way.

Still loyal to thee our hearts' love shall remain, Old High School, forever and aye.

Class Notes.

Much of the well known progress made in the high school during the past four years may be credited to the class of '97. During its first year the class originated the idea of forming the civil government classes into legislative bodies and the same plan has been carried out by each succeeding class and has been of great value to the students. In its second year the class perfected an organization, selected a class yell and class colors, and did all in its power to stir up a class spirit. This class was the first to carry out other plans which were new ideas.

The pin of the class of '97 is in the shape of a Fleur de lis, enameled in dark blue and on it in gold letters are the initials, "D. H. S. '97."

Allan Gleason is one of the youngest members in the class and is also the smallest, being four feet and eleven inches in height. He proved to be the smartest member of the class as he won the scholarship and class honors. The tallest member of the class is Ralph Mills and he is Gleason's particular friend, the two always being seen together.

Walter Mills, the member of the class who received the appointment to the United States military academy at West Point, found it necessary to leave before the close of the term, but he will be given his diploma, as he has kept up well in his studies during the entire four years.

The boys of the class this year have established a new plan in regard to graduating suits. It has always been the rule for the boys to wear full dress or frock coats, but this year a large number of them were attired in sack coats. The boys say they made the new rule for the sake of economy.

Charles M. Steele has been elected secretary of the class and it will be his duty to keep a record of the members of the class and publish the same each year. On the 15th of May every year members are requested to report to him their names and addresses and incidents relative to their lives since their graduation. This will preserve the memory of the class and will to a great extent keep the members acquainted with each other.

The young ladies who acted as ushers on the lower floor of the opera house were as follows: Misses Edith Carter, Sue Maris, Roy Montgomery, Marie Powers, Gyp Maffit, Laura Fife, Zella Ewing, Golden Danely, Dottie Hamer, Leah Ayres, Gertrude Phillips, Daisy Fletcher, Irene Blake and Clara Taylor. The following were the students who were the ushers in the balcony: Ben Imboden, John Clary, Rhee De Groot, Clyde Leach and George Ayres.

The decorations in the opera house were arranged and carried out by the members of the junior class and to those young people much credit is due for the taste displayed in arranging the flowers in the opera house.

Wayne Williams, one of the class, will teach next year at the Boiling Springs church. After a few years teaching he expects to go to college and study law.

Ed Odor expects to go to Iowa where he will work this summer on a farm.

Ira Clorkey will study all summer and will enter Harvard college in the fall.

Bryan Vail expects to attend one of the eastern colleges next year.

Henry Stevens will go to Anderson, Indiana, this summer. He expects to find a position in a bank either at that or some other place.

Abner Brüllinger will work for his father, D. Brüllinger.

Many of the other boys will seek employment of some kind this summer. There are a number who expect to attend college but will work for several years before doing so.

Total Number of Graduates.
Since its establishment 809 persons, including the class of '97, have graduated from the Decatur high school. Each year there has been an increase in the number. The following figures will show the number of graduates each year in the history:

1887	4	1894	29
1888	5	1895	31
1889	6	1896	32
1890	8	1897	33
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ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

A. J. Smith, Gov. of the Soldiers' Home in Leavenworth, Kan., with His Wife and Daughter Have Narrow Escape.

Leavenworth, Kan., June 11.—An attempt was made this morning upon the life of Andrew J. Smith, governor of the soldiers' home, and his wife and daughter. Dynamite was used and the explosion nearly demolished the beautiful residence. Mrs. Smith was directly over the explosion and was cut and bruised and completely prostrated, but it is not thought seriously injured. The governor and his daughter were not injured. Joseph W. Oliver, a dishonorably discharged veteran, has been arrested. There is strong evidence against him.

Mr. and Mrs. Millington, of this city, will appear for the first time in December at the Powers opera house tonight in addition to the new program.

HOME FROM THE CAPITAL.

Return of the Odd Fellows from Springfield—Did Fine Work.

The dedication staff and the degree staff of Decatur lodge No. 65, Odd Fellows, were at Springfield yesterday and did very meritorious work in the public dedication of the splendid new hall in the magnificent temple.

The members of the dedication staff were: T. O. Kitchin, grand master; D. E. Baldwin, grand warden; J. H. Greer, grand chaplain; W. A. Bright, grand marshal; W. E. Pease, grand herald of the north; H. J. Votaw, grand herald of the south; C. M. Borobers, grand herald of the east; L. W. Fribourg, grand herald of the west; W. S. Martin, grand outside herald; L. H. Martin, grand inside herald. All the grand dedicatory officers were clothed in the turbans, robes and sandals, symbolic of the office represented by each. The ceremonies were beautiful and impressive.

In the evening the first, second, third and fourth degrees were conferred upon thirty-one candidates by the Decatur degree staff, whose members are:

Captain of Staff—L. W. Fribourg.
First Assistant—W. E. Pease.
Second Assistant—W. A. Bright.

Secretary—L. N. Martin, Jr.

Members—T. O. Kitchin, J. H. Greer, C. M. Borobers, D. E. Baldwin, H. Votaw, L. H. Martin, W. S. Martin, George B. Ashton, L. L. Underwood, T. J. Lloyd, A. Sellar, A. B. Barrett, W. Ulrich, C. D. Jones, M. Grant, W. G. G. A. Reuben, J. H. Bauer, W. H. L. Son, C. A. Rucker, S. O. Stewart and A. W. Knapp.

Decorations were highly complimented. The visitors returned home this morning. They were kept at work until 2 a. m.

Died at Cullom.

Mrs. John A. Shaffer, formerly of this city, died at Cullom, Livingston county Ill., Monday of this week. The funeral took place at Chatsworth Wednesday at 11 a. m. George W. Shaffer and Mrs. Clara Lee of this city attended the funeral, and arrived home Wednesday night.

Excursion to Mackinaw.

The Grace M. E. Sunday school will give an excursion and picnic to Mackinaw Thursday, June 17. Friends of the school and the public generally are very cordially invited to go with them. Fare for the round trip 50 cents, children under 15 years 25 cents. The train will leave the Union depot at 7:30 a. m.—11-46t.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Mrs. John Perl, who has been seriously ill, is much improved.

—Will Mente, who has been spending a week in Pleasant county for his health, has returned home.

—L. B. Lee, former principal of the High School, attended the commencement exercises. He was on his way elsewhere and stopped off to meet old friends.

—Kit Wilson, of this city, who has been traveling with the Noble dramatic company, has closed the season and has taken a position as comedian with the Woodward theater company now appearing at Omaha, Neb.

Condensed Testimony.

Charles S. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprietor of the James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by a gripple, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor because it always cures. Mrs. Hemmings, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, always keeps it on hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. At West's drug store.

To-day by invitation Chairman Hockaday and other members of the fees and salaries committee of the county board took dinner with Sheriff Nicholson and family.

FINEST TRAIN IN THE WORLD

To St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The Burlington Route Limited Express train which leaves Chicago daily at 8:30 p. m. for St. Paul and Minneapolis is without question the most beautiful, luxurious train ever seen. It consists of Pullman Compartment and Standard Sleeping Cars, Pullman Buffet Smoking Car, Burlington Route Dining Car, a car, Reclining Chair Car and Coach, all lighted by electricity and heated by steam. June 10-35w

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